KID!!
OKITENEMURU
EPISODE 38: THE WILL TO KEEP ON LIVING

THE DEATH OF THESE FILTHY HUMANS ENTERS MY MIND AS ULTIMATE PLEASURE! IT HEALS ME! IT AFFIRMS ME!
WOOAAH!
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THIS IS THE GREATEST INVASION IN HISTORY
AND THE ONLY THING THAT CAN PURIFY THIS GODDAMN WORLD!
NOW,
MY HOLY DRONES!
PURIFY THE WORLD, AND REACH YOUR CLIMAX!

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CLATTER
BRMP
PTEP
HEE
OWW!
OWW
OWW
AMBER!

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
SAWAKI!
HYAAAAH!
YOU M-M-MUST BE PURIFIED!
DASH
DASH

BUAA HIEEE?!
SMASH
B-B-BUTT GIRL?
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A DISGUSTING CREATURE IN MY LIFE.

HUH?
HOW?
WHY?
HOW?
HUH?
HOW?
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
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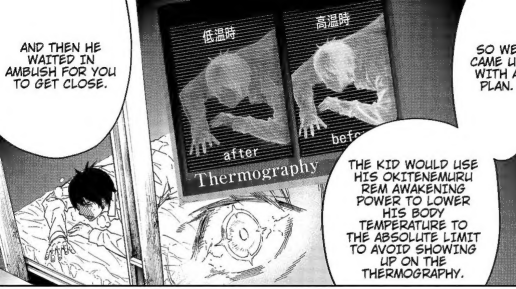
WHEEZE
WHEEZE

HOW?

THAT WAS BECAUSE YOU USED THE DRONES' THERMOGRAPHY TO SEE THROUGH THE SMOKE AND FIND US.
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

WE TRIED TO USE SMOKE TO HIDE, BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO EASILY TRACK OUR POSITION.


AND THEN HE WAITED IN AMBUSH FOR YOU TO GET CLOSE.
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after
Thermography
SO WE CAME UP WITH A PLAN.
THE KID WOULD USE HIS OKITENEMURU REM AWAKENING POWER TO LOWER HIS BODY TEMPERATURE TO THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT TO AVOID SHOWING UP ON THE THERMOGRAPHY.

YOU'VE GOT THE BRAINS OF A SINGLE-CELLED ORGANISM, AFTER ALL.
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WHEEZE
WHEEZE
IT WAS A RISK, BUT I KNEW IF WE PROVOKED YOU, YOU'D COME.
'CAUSE... 'CAUSE... MY DRONES DEVOURED THE OKITENEMURU!
IMPOS-SIBLE!
IMPOS-SIBLE!
INCON-CEIVABLE!

THEY SURE TRIED.
THIS LUMP I MADE OUT OF LUMITERIUS TACTICAL MEMORY ALLOY GOT TOTALLY WRECKED.

OKITE-NE-MI-RU...
REM AVANCE NINO...
WHEEZE
WHEEZE

NOW
TALK.
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE SING-ERS,
RIGHT?

EXTERNAL INFORMATION HQ
SATSUKI-CHAN, WAS IT?
I CAN'T BELIEVE DR. SAKAMOTO'S DAUGHTER IS STILL ALIVE.

SAWAKI AS HIDING HER IN HIS LAB.
HE WAS GOING TO USE THE DRONES TO TREAT HER ILLNESS, SOMEDAY, AND SURPASS DR. SAKAMOTO.
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WELL, SHE'S STILL SICK, SO I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S BETTER OFF NOW...
I COULDN'T SAY,
BUT WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT I UNDERSTAND HOW SAKAMOTO FELT.
HE WAS DOING ILLEGAL EXPERIMENTS ON PATIENTS IN COMAS TO SAVE HIS DAUGHTER'S LIFE.
BUT HE COULDN'T HANDLE THE GUILT, SO HE KILLED HIMSELF.
IT'S UNETHICAL,
BUT I PROBABLY WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME THING.

I'M LOOKING INTO THE GHOST RIGHT NOW, BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS ABOUT ITS ACTIONS THAT JUST DON'T MAKE SENSE.
Laboratory 02
GAINED CONTROL OF HIS RESEARCH AND HIS DRONES, AND THAT'S WHEN THIS ALL BEGAN.
SAWAKI LEARNED OF SAKAMOTO'S DEATH AFTERWARDS SOMEHOW,

BUT IF IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO YOU, I'M NOT GOING TO GET ANYWHERE AT ALL.
I CAN ANALYZE IT IF YOU REALLY WANT ME TO, DOCTOR

AS IF IT'S HUMAN.
I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE GHOST HAS A WILL OF ITS OWN.

BAM
DOCTOR!
THE GHOST RAN AWAY!
WE NEED TO STOP IT OR WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED!
THE GHOST WAS MOVING ON ITS OWN!
WITHOUT A HUMAN TO CONTROL IT?

BAM
IT RAN IN HERE!
HURRY!

DASH!!
YOU AGAIN?
W-WAIT!
GRAB
WHAT ARE YOU THINK-ING?
NO-
NO!
YOU WANT TO GET YOUR BRAIN EATEN TOO?
PSHW
MOVE!
THIS ISN'T WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE!
BAM
BAM

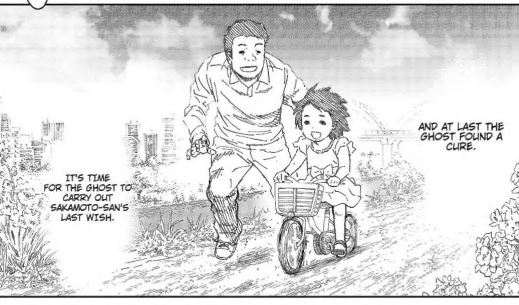
THE GHOST
IS HEALING HER ILLNESS!

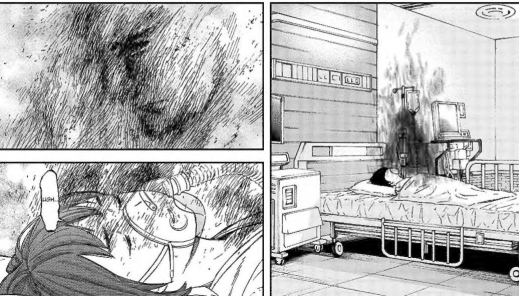
I DON'T KNOW WHY,
BUT I FEEL THE GHOST'S EMOTIONS AS IF THEY WERE MY OWN!
THAT'S WHAT I WANT TO KNOW!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

THE GHOST'S EMOTIONS?
DOCTOR.
YOU SAID YOU FELT AS IF THE GHOST HAD A WILL OF ITS OWN, RIGHT?
JUST AS A BRAIN MADE OF SIMPLE CELLS CAN BE CAPABLE OF EXTREMELY COMPLEX THOUGHT AND EVEN CONSCIOUSNESS,
THE GHOST, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF COUNTLESS SMALL DRONES, MAY HAVE ACQUIRED SOME FORM OF SWARM INTELLIGENCE.
UGH...
THE DRONE THAT'S STILL INSIDE KANATA-KUN'S BRAIN MAY ALLOW HIM TO SHARE IN ITS EMOTIONS.

ALL SAKAMOTO-SAN WANTED TO DO
WAS SAVE SATSUKI-CHAN.
HE ABANDONED ETHICS AND MORALS, AND HE WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT IF IT MEANT SAVING HER.
EVEN IF IT MEANT PAYING THE PRICE WITH HIS LIFE.

THEY KEPT GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER
ALWAYS WORKING...
ALWAYS WORKING...
EVEN WHILE SAWAKI CONTROLLED THEM,
AFTER HIS DEATH, THE DRONES, WHICH HAD ACQUIRED A MIND AND A WILL OF THEIR OWN, BEGAN THE RESEARCH REQUIRED TO HEAL HER AGAIN.


AND AT LAST THE GHOST FOUND A CURE.
IT'S TIME FOR THE GHOST TO CARRY OUT SAKAMOTO-SAN'S LAST WISH.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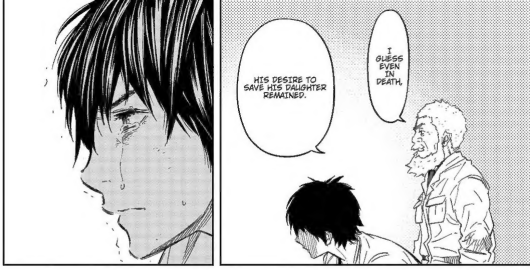
HIS DESIRE TO SAVE HIS DAUGHTER REMAINED.
I GUESS EVEN IN DEATH.

AND THAT DESIRE BECAME A GHOST, WHICH CONTINUED TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD...